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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH UN ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FARAH,  
MARCH 12

1. AT AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S INVITATION, UN ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL QUESTIONS, ABDULRAHIM FARAH, (SOMALIA) JOINED HIM FOR LUNCH MARCH 12. A WIDE VARIETY OF SUBJECTS WAS DISCUSSED, PRIMARILY INVOLVING AFRICA. WE ASK THAT FARAH'S CONFIDENCE BE PROTECTED, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW LEAKAGE EARLIER MOYNIHAN CABLE WHICH SERIOUSLY EMBARRASSED FARAH.

2. FARAH SAID THAT VIRTUALLY "EVERYONE", INCLUDING HIMSELF, HAD BEEN PUT OUT BY COMMENTS MADE BY UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA MACBRIDE. THE CHINESE WERE PARTICULARLY SHARP IN THEIR CRITICISM, CONSIDERING MACBRIDE TO BE A SOVIET STOOGE.

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3. FARAH NOTED THAT HE REGRETTED THE QUESTION OF ANGOLA

WOULD BE COMING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, SINCE IT WOULD OPEN A BROAD RANGE OF QUESTIONS. FARAH COMMENTED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN FRELIMO AND THE MPLA ARE EXTREMELY CLOSE, AND SUGGESTED MOZAMBIQUE STATEMENTS IN FORTHCOMING SC DEBATE COULD BE ACCEPTED AS ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF MPLA VIEWS AND POSITIONS. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT CUBA WOULD UNDERMINE ANGOLA. MANY AFRICANS FAULTED THE US FOR NOT CONSIDERING ANGOLA IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO HELP WHILE OTHERS WERE STEPPING IN. AFRICANS, ACCORDING TO FARAH, ARE QUICK TO "FORGIVE AND FORGET" AS HE EMPHASIZED THE QUICK ADJUSTMENT OF OAU STATES TO SOVIET CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA. AMBASSADOR BENNETT COUNTERED THAT HE HOPED ANGOLA WOULD NOT BE SWALLOWED BEFORE IT HAS A CHANCE TO DECIDE ITS OWN FUTURE.

4. TURNING TO MATTER OF MOZAMBIQUE SANCTIONS OFFSET, FARAH APPEALED TO US TO BE GENEROUS. HE THOUGHT THIS VERY IMPORTANT IN GENERAL CONTEXT OF US RELS WITH AFRICAN STATES AFTER ANGOLA. HE EXPRESSED HIS PREFERENCE FOR UN ECONOMIC STUDY MISSION TO BE SENT TO MOZAMBIQUE BUT NOT TO CONCERN ITSELF WITH POLITICAL MATTERS. FARAH ALSO OBSERVED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE BYRD AMENDMENT REPRESENTED A CRITICAL POINT JUST NOW; AFRICAN MINDS WERE ON MANY OTHER THINGS. (THREE YEARS AGO, AS SOMALI PERM REP, FARAH WAS FAR MORE CRITICAL FOR BYRD AMENDMENT.) BENNETT

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